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Changes to Regulations to Import Potato Products

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Report Highlights:

On December 14, 2001, the Mexican government announced changes to regulations for importers of potato products. Also, the official Custom ports of entry for potato for planting purposes were announced.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a final regulation for imported products published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on December 14, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On December 14, 2001, the Secretariat of Treasury (SHCP) announced in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) modifications to the Registered List of Importers for Specific Sectors (Solicitud de Inscripción en los Padrones de Importadores de Sectores Específicos). This action has the purpose of re-registering importers with the Secretariat of Treasury as "*product specific*" importers, in this case potatoes. In addition Customs published a list of ports of entry that are authorized to receive potato seed imports.

- Registry for Specific Commodities: Importers for those specific commodities listed in Annex 10 of the announcement need to fill out a new application form to register themselves as potato importers. The form requests additional information on the importer, the company, and the products to be imported. The List of Products in Annex 10 which are subject to the changes contained in this Diario Oficial announcement was modified to add the following potato products:

0701.10.01	0710.10.01	0712.90.03	2004.10.01
0701.90.99	0711.90.02	1108.13.01	2005.20.01

As a result of these modifications, all potato-product importers must re-register their companies with the Secretariat of Treasury to be able to import these products. This requirement went into effect on December 15, 2001. The Secretariat of Treasury wants to monitor more closely potato imports because Mexican producers have complained of smuggling. There is no indication that this Customs decree will disrupt U.S. potato exports. Other products included in this list are apples, coffee and meat products. However, the key to any disruption in trade will be how long it takes to re-register all importers.

- Customs Ports of Entry: Annex 21 of the above-mentioned announcement provides a list of authorized customs ports of entry for potatoes for planting purposes (H.T.S. 0701.10.01). The ports of entry are Altamira, Nogales, and Piedras Negras. The announcement on potato seeds will go into effect on January 13, 2002.

Title: Twentieth Fourth Resolution of Modifications to the Miscellaneous Resolution of Foreign Trade for 2000 - annexes 1,10, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 22.

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Products Affected: Potato Products

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Treasury (SHCP)

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